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Response to Amendment

The examiner acknowledges canceled claims 2, 4, 23 and 28, currently amended claims 1, 3 and 24 and new claims 36–48.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to new claims 40–42 and 46–48 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Therefore, rejection of claims 40–42 and 46–48 follows:

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 40–42 and 46–48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Danelski (5,812,986) in view of Takizawa (JP 2000118641).

Regarding claim 40, Danelski teaches a method, comprising: providing a pick/put to display device (col. 1, lines 28–30, service associated with light directed module 28 (col. 5, lines 32–38)) with an image display and an indicator light; illuminating the indicator light to alert (col. 2, lines 35–44, alerting associated with light display) an operator of a service to be performed on an item at a first storage location.

But, Danelski is silent on an operator of a service to be performed on an item at a second storage location.

However, Takizawa teaches, in the art of display device, displaying an arrow that points towards the second storage location below the display 8 on the image display (Figs. 2 and 4, arrow pointing to the second storage location on the image display 8 wherein the first location is above the display) for the purpose of providing easy sorting. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art at the time of invention was made to include displaying an arrow that points towards the second storage location below the display 8 on the image display in the device of Danelski because Danelski suggests pick/put to display device to display the first location and Takizawa teaches displaying an arrow that points towards the second storage location below the display 8 on the image display for the purpose of providing easy sorting.

Regarding claims 41 and 47, Takizawa continues, as claimed in claim 40, to teach display the first location via arrow pointing up 8 (Fig. 1).

Regarding claims 42 and 48, Takizawa continues, as claimed in claim 40, to teach display the second location via arrow pointing down 8 (Fig. 1).

Regarding claim 46, Danelski teaches displaying a service instruction or command (fig. 2, col. 2, lines 25–29, instruction associated with quantity of items to be serviced and inventory specialist will press a task complete button after completing the service) for the item.

Claim 44 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Danelski in view of Takizawa as applied to claim 40 above, and further in view of Johnsen (5,151,684).

Regarding claim 44, Danelski in view of Takizawa continues to teach the method of claim 40, further comprising: wherein the display device includes text. But Danelski in view of Takizawa does not teach the display device includes playing the first sound recording of the first voice instructions associated with the first storage location with a the speaker of the pick/put to display device.

However, Johnsen teaches, in the art of voice instruction system, the display device includes playing the first sound recording of the first voice instructions associated with the first storage location with a the speaker of the pick/put to display device (col. 5, lines 22–23, voice instruction associated audible alarm via tampering with the tag device; col. 6, lines 64–66, emitting audible sound by alarm 48) for the purpose of providing voice instruction of warning. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art at the time of invention was made to the display device includes playing the first sound recording of the first voice instructions associated with the first storage location with a the speaker of the pick/put to display device in the device of Danelski in view of Takizawa because Danelski in view of Takizawa suggests the display device includes text and Johnsen teaches the display device includes playing the first sound recording of the first voice instructions associated with the first storage location with a the speaker of the pick/put to display device for the purpose of providing voice instruction of warning.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 43 and 45 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding claim 43, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest displaying on the image display of the pick/put to display device first instructions concerning a first product stored at the first storage location; and displaying on the image display of the pick/put to display device second instructions concerning a second product stored at the first storage location.

Regarding claim 45, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest the display device includes playing the first sound recording of the second voice instructions associated with the second storage location with a the speaker of the pick/put to display device.

Allowable Claims

Claims 18–22 and 35 are previously allowed. Amended claims 1, 3, 5–17, 24–27 and 29–34 are allowed since they include previously allowed dependent claims. Furthermore, new claim 36–39 are allowed since the claims 36–39 includes previously objected dependent claims and portion of the limitations of the base claims.

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Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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